

Table 1: Ranking of selected risk factors: 10 leading risk factor causes of death by income group, 2004

Risk factor	Deaths (millions)	Percentage of total	Risk factor	Deaths (millions)	Percentage of total
<i>World</i>			<i>Low-income countries<sup>a</sup></i>		
1 High blood pressure	7.5	12.8	1 Childhood underweight	2.0	7.8
2 Tobacco use	5.1	8.7	2 High blood pressure	2.0	7.5
3 High blood glucose	3.4	5.8	3 Unsafe sex	1.7	6.6
4 Physical inactivity	3.2	5.5	4 Unsafe water, sanitation, hygiene	1.6	6.1
5 Overweight and obesity	2.8	4.8	5 High blood glucose	1.3	4.9
6 High cholesterol	2.6	4.5	6 Indoor smoke from solid fuels	1.3	4.8
7 Unsafe sex	2.4	4.0	7 Tobacco use	1.0	3.9
8 Alcohol use	2.3	3.8	8 Physical inactivity	1.0	3.8
9 Childhood underweight	2.2	3.8	9 Suboptimal breastfeeding	1.0	3.7
10 Indoor smoke from solid fuels	2.0	3.3	10 High cholesterol	0.9	3.4
<i>Middle-income countries<sup>a</sup></i>			<i>High-income countries<sup>a</sup></i>		
1 High blood pressure	4.2	17.2	1 Tobacco use	1.5	17.9
2 Tobacco use	2.6	10.8	2 High blood pressure	1.4	16.8
3 Overweight and obesity	1.6	6.7	3 Overweight and obesity	0.7	8.4
4 Physical inactivity	1.6	6.6	4 Physical inactivity	0.6	7.7
5 Alcohol use	1.6	6.4	5 High blood glucose	0.6	7.0
6 High blood glucose	1.5	6.3	6 High cholesterol	0.5	5.8
7 High cholesterol	1.3	5.2	7 Low fruit and vegetable intake	0.2	2.5
8 Low fruit and vegetable intake	0.9	3.9	8 Urban outdoor air pollution	0.2	2.5
9 Indoor smoke from solid fuels	0.7	2.8	9 Alcohol use	0.1	1.6
10 Urban outdoor air pollution	0.7	2.8	10 Occupational risks	0.1	1.1

<sup>a</sup> Countries grouped by gross national income per capita – low income (US\$ 825 or less), high income (US\$ 10 066 or more).

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- References